

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial 09/764,246, filed January 17, 2001. A substitute Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form is also enclosed. The paper and computer readable forms are identical. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSIONS

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If any minor issues should remain outstanding after the Examiner has had an opportunity to study the Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that all such matters may be resolved and the application placed in condition for allowance without the necessity for another Official Action and/or Amendment.

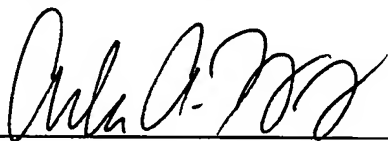
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Respectfully submitted,

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